

MISSOURI LAUNCHED

Big Battleship Placed in the Water Without a Hitch.

CHRISTENED BY MISS COCKRELL

Unusually Large Crowd of Spectators Witnessed the Affair.

THE INVITED GUESTS

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December 28.—The battleship Missouri was launched at the ship yard here today at 11:12 o'clock. Fully 15,000 people, it is estimated, saw the big diver take the water. The launching passed off without a hitch, and none prettier or more successful was ever accomplished here. Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator F. M. Cockrell of Missouri, was sponsor for the ship, and she performed the duty assigned her with the traditional bottle of champagne, using a bottle of Missouri product for the purpose. The number of distinguished guests gathered around the sponsor on the christening platform was larger than ever seen here.

Those Who Were Present. Among them were Secretary of the Navy Long, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, Rear Admiral Melville, United States Navy, chief of bureau of steam engineering; Rear Admiral O'Neill, U. S. N., chief of ordnance; Judge Advocate Lemly, United States navy; Lieut. Gov. J. A. Lee of Missouri, acting for Gov. Dockery; Gov. Tyler of Virginia, Corwin H. Spencer of St. Louis,

Hydraulic Steering Gear.

Hydraulic gear is used in steering the vessel, and can put the rudder from hard a-port to hard a-starboard in twenty seconds. Electricity is used for lighting the vessel and operating the turrets and hoists and for communicating between parts of the ship and the land. The Missouri has four powerful searchlights which give warning of the approach of hostile vessels. For night signaling the ship carries two sets of electric signaling apparatus. The normal coal supply is 1,000 tons and the capacity of the bunkers is 2,000 tons. The Missouri has the same armor protection as to afford considerable incidental protection to the machinery.

The Missouri and her class are the first battleships of the United States navy in which water-tube boilers are provided. Steam for the propelling machinery is supplied by water-tube boilers of the light-croft type, placed in the water-tube compartments. There are three smoke pipes. The two propelling engines are of the vertical type, having four cylinders. The collective indicated horse power is about 16,000 when the vessel is making eighteen knots.

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ADVANTAGES OF A NAVY.

Address of Secretary Long at Launching of Missouri.

NEWPORT NEWS, December 28.—Secretary Long delivered the leading address at the launching of the battleship Missouri today. The Secretary said: "I have been interested in the circular signed by many eminent citizens, my beloved friend, E. E. Hale, at the head, in which they regret the estimate of \$100,000,000 for the increase of the navy."

"The size of the navy, if there is to be a navy at all, is a question like the tariff—of national policy. It is a question of principle, of course, it is rather taking things to say as a matter of theory, as this circular says, that \$100,000,000 for the navy means a tax of \$3 on every family in the United States. And yet, on the other hand, as a matter of practical fact, if that sum is spent there is probably not a family in the United States whose family income would be \$3 more, and still more families whose income would be many times more."

Miss Cockrell.

Photograph by Cineblast.

Representing the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, Miss Mary H. Rixey, representing the House committee on naval affairs; Senator Cockrell and a number of army and navy officers. Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of President Roosevelt, came up from Old Point on the United States dispatch boat Dolphin, with her guests, and viewed the launching from the steamer's deck. When the big ship had glided off the ways into the water, the crowd on the guests' platform gave three cheers for Miss Cockrell, three for the army and the navy, three for Secretary Long, then three for the shipyard.

History of the Ship.

The Missouri is a sister ship of the Ohio and the Maine. Her contract price was \$28,500,000. Her keel was laid February 7, 1890, and on the latest construction report she is set down as 51 per cent completed. The Missouri's contract speed was eighteen knots an hour, so that she will rank next to the battleships of the Georgia class in regard to speed. Her complement will be forty officers and 511 men. The hull is built of steel and is un-sheathed. It is 328 feet long on the load-water line, 72 feet 2 1/2 inches beam and at a mean draught of 23 feet 6 inches displaces 12,270 tons. The hull is protected by a belt of armor 11 1/2 inches thick and by the casemate armor 6 inches thick. In the casemate are placed ten of the 6-inch guns the ves-

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sel carries. Above this on the upper deck four 6-inch guns are placed, in the vicinity of which 6-inch armor is worked far enough forward and aft to afford protection to the crews of these guns.

The Vessel's Armor.

Protection is afforded the vitals of the ship below the water line by a protective deck with armor from 2 1/2 to 4 inches thick. The main battery of the ship consists of four 12-inch rifles placed in two balanced turrets and sixteen 6-inch guns. The turrets are turned by electricity and can revolve through 360 degrees in one minute. Ten of the 6-inch guns are within the casemate, as before stated; two others are on the berth forward in 6-inch armor casemates and four are on the upper deck. Those in the casemates forward and two on the upper deck can fire directly ahead and the other two the upper deck directly astern in addition to having a broad-side fire.

New Feature Introduced.

A new feature introduced into the offensive power of this ship are two submerged torpedoes. While German warships have been equipped with these tubes for a number of years, the Missouri and her class are the first battleships of our navy to be supplied with them. There are two torpedoes fitted with the usual signal lamps and topmasts, one mast as usual being on the forward gun turret. The Missouri carries fourteen boats, of which one is a forty-foot steam cutter and another a thirty-foot steam cutter of the usual navy type. The boats are handled by four cranes operated by steam hoists, which can lift the heaviest equipment weighing in excess of 10,000 pounds forty feet per minute. Baffle keels to reduce the rolling are fitted to the vessel, experiments having been made by our own and foreign navies having demonstrated the

richest nation of the world, with a larger income than any other.

It is like the rich man grading his expenditures by his income, and thus making it serve the general welfare as well as his own. It is like having policemen enough instead of having a number so limited that the roughs are tempted to riot. There certainly is a heap of comfort in feeling that if millions are now spent for the navy the money is in the till to spend. It is a case where the people can have their cake and eat it, too. They can have their ships and they can have the pockets the money paid for building them.

Some Instances in Point.

I will not pursue the topic further, but I would like to mention a few instances in point. I mean relations with those ports; it means the maintenance of our flag in our ports and harbors of the world is something more than a fighting machine. It means relations with those ports; it means the maintenance of our flag in our ports and harbors of the world is something more than a fighting machine. It means relations with those ports; it means the maintenance of our flag in our ports and harbors of the world is something more than a fighting machine.

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PET DOG IN COURT.

Scotch Collie the Object of Grave Consideration.

The question over the ownership of a Scotch collie dog resulted in the trial of Peter D. Morris, a colored man, on a charge of larceny in the Police Court today before Judge Scott. J. L. Davis of 48 M street northwest claimed the dog as his property, and said it was shipped to him in October, 1900, from Senator Proctor's kennel in Vermont. On the other hand Morris, who conducts an eating house near the corner of 18th and L streets northwest, said the dog belonged to him, having purchased the animal from Walter Joyce, a colored man, in August, 1900. Morris said the dog's name was Major.

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Arthur Cowley, contractor for Manual Training School No. 10, at the corner of 14th and 84 streets northwest, has again called the attention of the Commissioners to the fact that the building is completed and awaits acceptance. The inspector of buildings reports that there are several minor details, but that the building is ready for occupancy. It is recommended that \$1,000 be retained from the final payment and a bond of \$10,000 taken to insure the proper maintenance of the structure for twelve months.

To Raise Grade.

The Commissioners have decided to grant the Washington Traction and Electric Company permission to raise the grade of its crossing at 14th street and New York avenue one inch, provided the difference between the present grade of the tracks and the proposed new grade is properly adjusted by a dike extending thirty feet from the crossing.

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The generation of Post-Graduate Clubs, now holding its seventh annual convention in this city, at the Columbian University, adjourned the morning session today in order to attend a reception tendered the delegates to the convention by President Roosevelt at the White House.

Wants Heavy Damages.

A suit at law to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 was instituted today by Oscar Brown against the Southern Railway Company. It alleged that last August, at Culpeper, Va., while on a fellow traveler in the habit of carrying colonial rum home with them. There are many, however, who, knowing the Australian bush well, believe that this enigmatic creature may yet be found, and not so far away in the interior.

UNEXPECTED DEATH OF CAPT. GEO. A. MUSHBACH LAST NIGHT.

Alexandria Cotton Club Gives a Christmas Dance—General Notes.

Evening Star Bureau.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 28, 1901. Capt. George A. Mushbach, former state senator and a well-known lawyer, died last night shortly after 11 o'clock at his residence, on North Washington street. Capt. Mushbach had been ill for several weeks, but his illness was not considered to be anything serious, as he took his usual walks, however, as a shock to the entire community. The deceased was fifty-one years of age, and is survived by a widow. The funeral arrangements will be made later.

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CUTTING THE TIES

FLOOD OF DIVORCE SUITS GROWS BIGGER AND BIGGER.

Getting Them In Before the New Code Goes Into Operation—Those Who Are Disatisfied.

Again today the clerk in charge of the equity docket of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia was kept busy recording petitions for divorces. William H. Lester, through Attorney Campbell Carrington, asked for a legal separation from Florence A. Lester. Mr. Lester accuses his wife of infidelity, and adds that acts of cruelty on her part have greatly endangered his life and health. Alleging that her husband is an habitual drunkard and has treated her with great cruelty, Annie Holbruner, through Attorney E. L. Gies, today instituted proceedings for divorce against Charles Holbruner.

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LOCAL MILITIA LAW

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF A DISCHARGE BY GEN. HARRIES.

Interesting Point Raised by E. Franklin Lord in the Courts—Was in Engineer Corps.

A novel point, involving the constitutionality of the local militia law, was raised today in connection with a petition for writ of mandamus filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by E. Franklin Lord, George H. Harries, in his capacity commanding general of the militia of the District of Columbia, is named respondent. It is recited that Lord was re-enlisted the 17th of last June, to serve one year, as a private of the Engineer Corps, District of Columbia National Guard. At the time of the re-enlistment, it is added, the Engineer Corps owned and kept certain personal property, and it is claimed, Lord, as tenant in common, has an interest equal to that of any other active member of the Engineer Corps in such personal property.

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COALING STATIONS.

Powers Seem for Naval Base Near the Red Sea.

Toward the South of the Red sea, round about the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, a scramble for coaling stations has been in quiet progress for some time past.

CHARLESTON'S BUZZARDS.

Visitor Views the Swarm Around the Central Market.

Of all the odd pets I have ever seen or heard of, it seems to me that Charleston's pet buzzards go up to the very top of the list.

Did the Shark Eat a Cow?

From the Fishing Gazette.

In the stomach of a shark recently caught at Lukovo was found, among other things, it is said, a pair of trousers, a cow bell and a shoe.

Foreign Laborers Dismissed.

Berlin Correspondence New York Times.

One amelioration of the labor situation upon which both trade unions and employers have agreed is the dismissal of foreign laborers, many thousands of whom—Czechs, Poles, Italians and Russians—obtained work in Germany during the boom period.

A Baby Princess.

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